

# Transmission of PEDV in Growing Pigs

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50 million years to make a pig



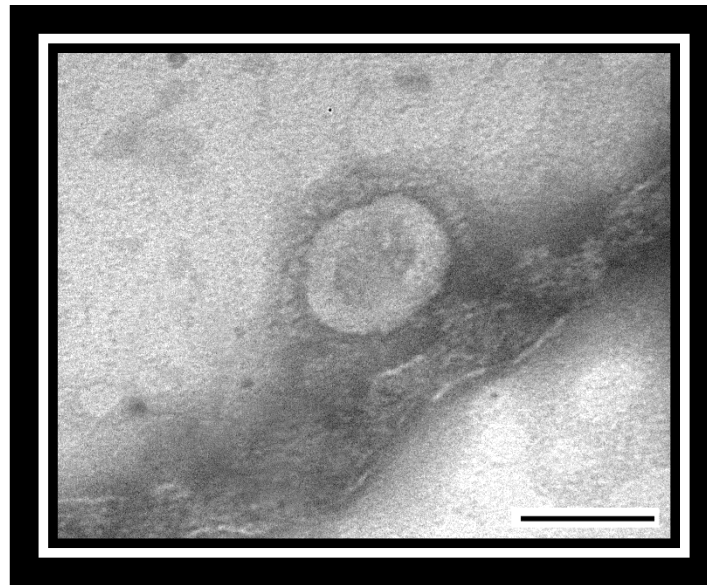
It took Man about 5 thousand years  
to domesticate swine



It took Man about 50 years  
to industrialize swine production



It takes Mother Nature hours to make a  
new virus!



# Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV)

- USA / Research Perspective
- Field reports – Epidemic  
Endemic
- Experimental data
- Reality vs. Research

# Research Challenges

- Limited resources
- Most important questions
- Complement the research of others

# PEDV Control

- Stop transmission of virus to susceptible pigs
  - Eliminate virus
  - Develop Protective Immunity



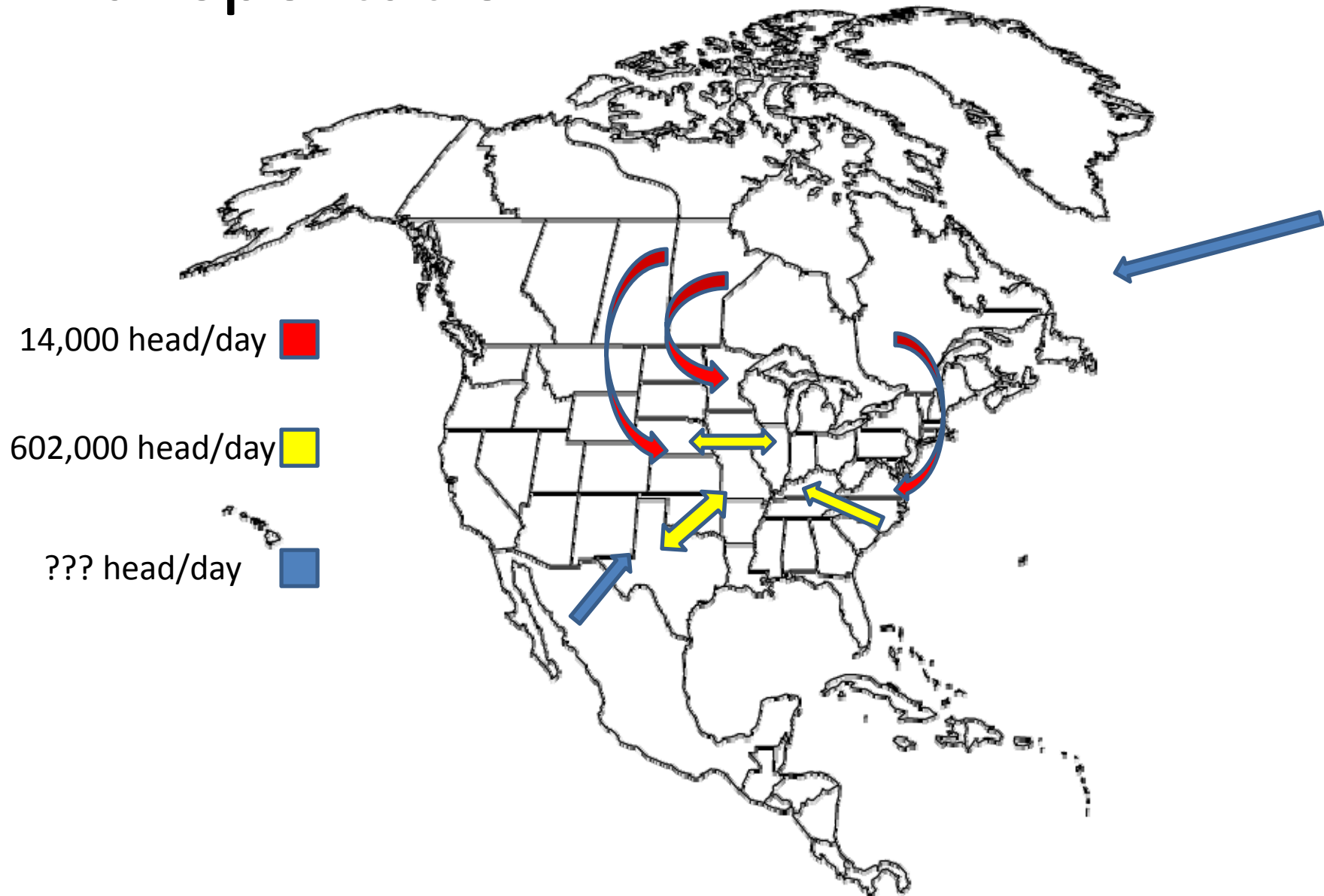
# Field Reports

- Epidemic Disease
  - Rapid spread through USA
  - Very fast through some large production systems  
10 days > 20,000 sows
  - Some production systems not infected yet
- Endemic Disease
  - Stable Status
  - Unstable Status

# Epidemic Transmission

- Pig to Pig – Direct Contact
- Indirect contact within same building/site
- Potential Area Spread
- Transport
- Feed

# Transportation



PEDV USA to Canada  
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PEDV China to USA?

# Environmental Stability Infectious PEDV

- Feces 7 days
- Slurry      25C   14 days  
                 4C     28 days
- Dry feed 7 days
- Wet feed 28 days
- Drinking water 7 days

# Indirect Spread

- Alonso et al. Veterinary Research 2014, 45:73  
Aerosol collection of samples in room of experimentally infected pigs = infectious virus

Aerosol collection of field samples downwind of positive sow barns = PCR positive, but not infectious

- Hesse et al. National Pork Board 13-228  
Indirect spread in isolation room experimentally infected pigs

# Endemic Disease

- Following epidemic phase in most sow herds neonatal pig loss returns to normal in 6-8 weeks
- Some sow herds have “small” breaks of PEDV in neonatal pigs
- Cyclical pattern to re-breaks?
- Post epidemic reports of sows becoming seronegative in several months –susceptible to re-infection?

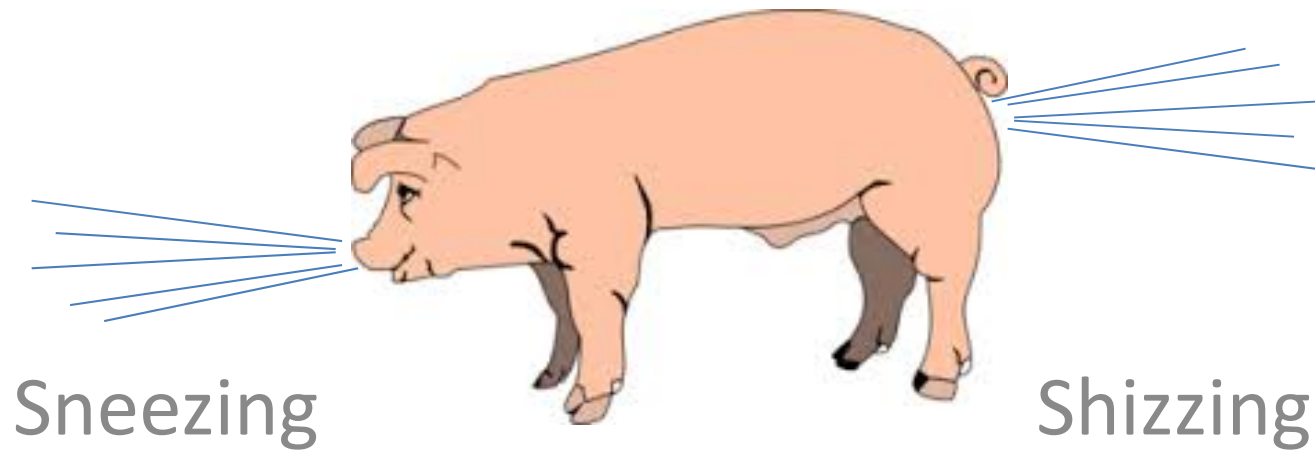
# Endemic Transmission

- Pig to Pig
- Environment
  - Reports of herds going negative for infectious virus based on introduction of naïve pigs
  - 90-150 days to clear virus from herd



# PEDV Transmission - Feed

- Mixed opinions
- Mixed experimental results and conclusions
- Others working in this area



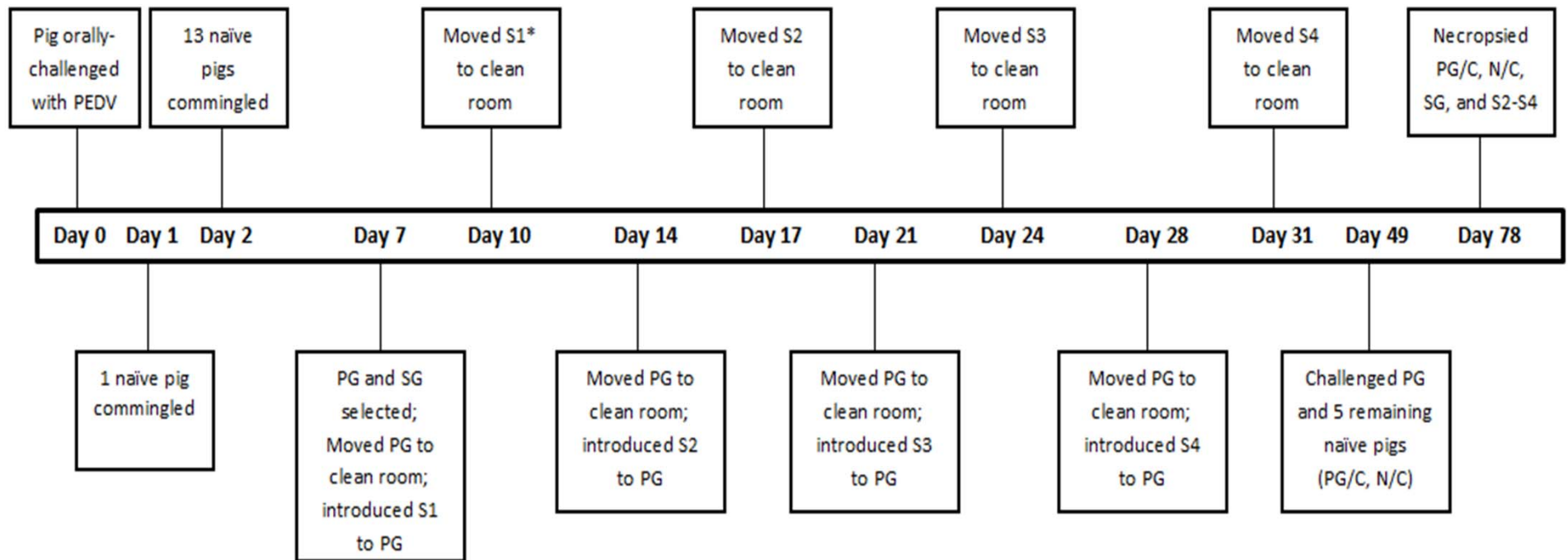
Duration of shedding infectious virus ?

Potential Area Spread?

Duration of immunity? Sow? Colstrum?

# Young pig infection model

- Day -7      3-week-old PEDV pigs from PEDV negative sows
- Day 0      Challenge of 4-week-old pigs PEDV CO 2013 isolate
- Day 0-35 Collect Rectal Swabs
- When negative – homologous challenge
- Weekly bleed
- Sentinel Pigs



Stationary Group = SG

Principle Group = PG

Sentinel Pig = S1-S4

Naïve Challenge Group = N/C

# Young pig model

- Rapid transmission from seeder pig to 100% small group
  - Less than 24 hours Rectal swabs positive
- Mild to moderate diarrhea 2-7 days post exposure
- Shed infectious virus to single contact  
D7 & D14
- Homologous protection at 7 weeks post wild-type virus infection

# Young pig model

- Homologous protection at 7 weeks post wild-type virus infection
- “Vaccinated” pigs no positive rectal swabs
- Naïve challenged pigs rectal swabs 5/5 positive (6-10 days)
- Any differences between “natural” vs. experimental infection
- This study supports NPB 13-228

# Eliminate Infectious PEDV in isolation room

- First Day
  - Cleaning room
  - Foaming with Virkon
  - Dry
- Second Day
  - Foaming with Virkon
  - Dry
- Ready to go for naïve pigs

# Control of PEDV

- Stop transmission of virus to susceptible pigs
  - Eliminate virus
  - Develop Protective Immunity
    - Feedback to induce wild-type infection in sow herd



# Feedback Sow Immunity

- Duration of protective immunity in sows following feedback at least 4-5 months in field conditions  
Murtaugh et al 2014 National Pork Board 13-262
- Clement et al. 2014 National Pork Board 13-263  
Sow field study early data supports NPB 13-262

# Vaccine

- Harrisvaccines, Inc June 16, 2014  
Replication Defective Vector
- Zoetis September 3, 2014  
inactivated whole virus vaccine